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**Cc:** Barkett, Bonnie;Maier, Brent;Higuchi, Dean;Reyes, Deldi;PerezSullivan, Margot;Mogharabi, Nahal;Glosson, Niloufar;Harris-Bishop, Rusty;Hudnall, Patricia;Ford, Margaret;Henderson, Alita;COHEN, Deborra;Pratt, Kristen;Kemmerer, John;Meltzer, Kathy;Plenys, Thomas;Engelman, Alexa;Hood, Timonie;Blazej, Nova;Stollman, Scott;Johnson, AudreyL;Amato, Paul;Schmidt, David;Skadowski, Suzanne;Rao, Kate;Ty, Fatima;Kao, Jessica  
**Subject:** End of Day -- March 12, 2015

## MEDIA

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**Today News Herald (Lake Havasu):** Reporter had additional question regarding Colorado River Joint Venture news brief, coordinated with ENF: CLOSED: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ENF

**Parker Pioneer:** Reporter had additional question regarding Colorado River Joint Venture news brief, coordinated with ENF: CLOSED: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ENF

**The Olympian** (Castro Valley High School newspaper): Student journalist Laniah Lewis emailed questions about crumb rubber in athletic fields, research and health risks. Sent EPA's press statement on crumb rubber with list of relevant EPA websites. LND. CLOSED.

**Greenwire** (Mar 12, 2015): [Salt pond saga raises questions about feds' regulatory reach](#) Former [Cargill] saltworks are home to the West Coast's largest tidal wetlands restoration effort, covering an area the size of Manhattan. But the saltworks also offer opportunities for developers as potential high-end real estate. And that's how one of two remaining industrial saltworks became the focus of a pitched battle between environmental groups and residential developers. What began years ago as a local land-use dispute has exploded into a brawl over the Clean Water Act's regulatory reach.

**Los Angeles Times:** Reporter Tony Barboza was looking for a list of top superfund sites in CA by total funds spent on cleanup. Looking to compare the \$50 million announced for Exide to other sites. SFUND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Climate Change** – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages The Hill article, [EPA Head Calls for U.S. Leadership in Climate](#).

**Food Waste/MGM Event** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page yesterday about the event in Las Vegas and linked to our [MGM Resorts International Leads Zero Waste Efforts in Las Vegas, Nevada](#) page.

### Web Updates:

**Region 9 Laboratory** – Posted an update to the contact information on the [Region 9 Laboratory page](#).

**Air Actions** – Posted an update to the public notices on the [News and Events page](#).  
**California UIC Program Review** – Posted an update to the [California UIC Program Review page](#).  
**UIC Permits** – Posted an additional 76 documents related to the Florence Copper draft permit to the [Underground Injection Control Permits page](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

### Congressional and Intergovernmental:

**Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3):** Julie Milazzo from our Grants Management Office provided the following brief summary to Brent Maier from her participation in a Federal Grants Seminar yesterday in Marysville hosted by Congressman John Garamendi: Julie Milazzo attended a Grants Seminar sponsored by Congressman John Garamendi on Wednesday, March 11th as a panelist. It was attended by approximately 200 members of local non-profits and other small entities, and Julie spoke with fourteen people about grant opportunities, projects and answered questions about current EPA projects in their areas. In addition, each attendee received a copy of Julie's presentation materials, and attendees were encouraged to take a 2014 Progress Report with them.

**California State Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Hearings Focusing on Binational River Water Quality Issues:** Land Division's Tomas Torres shared information compiled by our Water Division Border Team colleagues with Shannon McKinney, Senior Consultant, Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, California State Assembly in follow up to invitation he received to participate in two upcoming field hearings focusing on binational river quality issues in the Border Region. EPA declined to participate in the field hearings, but did commit to provide information for the Committee on the work EPA is involved with in the Border Region. Materials provided included the following: 1) EPA investments and efforts in the Tijuana and New River Watersheds; 2) List of California/Baja California projects funded through EPA's Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF); 3) Copy of the California/Baja California Border 2020 Action Plan Closeout Report for the years 2013-2014; and, 4) Copy of EPA's response to the Colorado River Basin Water Board.

**Congressional Outreach on Colorado River Sewer System Joint Venture to Upgrade Wastewater System:** Brent Maier shared our news brief announcing that the Colorado River Sewer System Joint Venture, located in Parker, Ariz. entered into an agreement with the EPA to upgrade their wastewater treatment system to meet stringent water quality standards with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Raul Grijalva.

**Congressional Outreach on Argonaut Mine Cleanup Activities:** Brent Maier shared a March 2015 U.S. EPA Community Involvement factsheet entitled, "EPA Resumes Cleanup Activities at Argonaut Mine March 16, 2015" with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Tom McClintock and California State Legislators.

**California Legislative Analyst's Office - 2015-2016 Budget Overview of California Environmental Protection Agency and Departments** - March 12, 2015 - Presented to: California Assembly Budget Committee. <http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/resources/2015/Budget-overview-EPA-031215.pdf>

**Yucca Mountain:** The NRC's notice to produce a supplemental environmental impact statement on Yucca Mountain is being published in today's Federal Register. The notice says that NRC staff expect to finish the

supplemental EIS within 12 to 15 months and a draft version is slated to come out late this summer. The agency will take public comment after the draft comes out and hold meetings at its Rockville, Md., headquarters, in addition to two public meetings in Nevada, and a public conference call. Other NRC documents say the supplemental EIS will cost up to \$2 million. The notice: <http://1.usa.gov/1E7jNyyq>

### **Next Week on Capitol Hill:**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power:** A hearing entitled, “**EPA’s Proposed 111(d) Rule for Existing Power Plants: Legal and Cost Issues**” will be held at 10:00am ET in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. See more at: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/epa%E2%80%99s-proposed-111d-rule-existing-power-plants-legal-and-cost-issues#sthash.rNIwKoqb.dpuf> Hearing webcast will be available at <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Full Committee Hearing:** A hearing entitled, “**Reality Check: The Impact and Achievability of EPA’s Proposed Ozone Standards**” will be held at 10:00am ET in 2318 Rayburn House Office Building. Witnesses include: Mr. Harry C. Alford, President and CEO, National Black Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Raymond Keating, Chief Economist, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council; Dr. Mary B. Rice, Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston MA; Dr. Allen S. Lefohn, President, A.S.L. & Associates; and Mr. Eldon Heaston, Executive Director, Mojave Desert AQMD, Antelope Valley AQMD. <http://science.house.gov/hearing/full-committee-hearing-reality-check-impact-and-achievability-epa-s-proposed-ozone-standards>

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** A hearing will be held to examine **S.697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act** to reauthorize and modernize that Act. <http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/?CFID=131886739&CFTOKEN=92612815>

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – (EPA Budget Hearing) House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment:** Ken Kopocis, Office of Water and Mathy Stanislaus, OSWER will testify on the Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment on the fiscal year 2016 EPA budget. <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=398705>

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy:** Legislative hearing on a discussion draft of “H.R. \_\_\_, the Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015,” next Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 10:15 a.m. in room 2322 of the Rayburn House Office Building. - See more at: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/environment-and-economy#sthash.VzcQj0uF.dpuf>

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Government Affairs:** Hearing entitled, “**Examining Federal Rulemaking Challenges and Areas of Improvement Within the Existing Regulatory Process**” will be held at 10:00am ET in SD-342, Dirksen Senate Office Building. <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/examining-federal-rulemaking-challenges-and-areas-of-improvement-within-the-existing-regulatory-process>

### **Upcoming EPA Budget Hearings:**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015:** EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will testify on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Public Works Administrator McCarthy will be the only witness and will discuss the fiscal year 2016 EPA budget.

